from 1-1-1986 as a result of "Assam Accord".

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Capacity of Silghat Jute Mill

996. SHRI NAGEN SAIKIA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the capacity of Silghat Jute Mill;

(b) what is the number of employees in the Mill category-wise;

(c) whether it is incurring loss; and

(d) if so, what remedial measures Government have taken in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) The installed capacity of M/s. Silghat Co-operative Jute Mills Ltd is about 7,000 M. Tonnes per annum on 300 days working basis.

(b) The number of employees in the Mill, category-wise, are as under :—

(i) Supervisory staff	..	22
(ii) Office staff	..	48
(iii) Workers	..	845
TOTAL :		915

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise

Shortage of Cotton

997 SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY . Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of cotton in the country at present;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor, and

(c) whether Government propose to import cotton and viscose staple fibre to meet the shortage, and if so, what is the quantum of foreign exchange reserved for this purpose ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Credit Deposit Rates in West Bengal

998 SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that credit-deposit ratio in West Bengal is only 46 9 per cent as against the all India average of 61.4 per cent; and

(b) if so, whether any specific step has been taken to improve the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) Yes, Sir. The credit deposit ratio of public sector banks as at the end of December, 1986 was 46.9 per cent in West Bengal as against 61.4 per cent for the country as a whole.

(b) With a view to improving the flow of credit in West Bengal, the Reserve Bank of India had discussions with State Authorities who were advised to prepare bankable schemes and also to take effective measures for the improvement of C : D Ratio in the State The banks were also advised that while preparing District Credit Plans and Annual Action Plans, their endeavour should be to increase the flow of bank credit by formulating new bankable schemes particularly for agricultural, small scale industry and cottage industry sectors. The matter is being monitored by the Reserve Bank of India Regional Consultative Committee, State Level Bankers Committee and State Government.

National Deposit Scheme

999. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Deposit Scheme as suggested during the Budget speech of the current year has since been launched; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) and (b) Savings Scheme suggested in the Budget Speech has been launched on 1-4-1987. It is called National Savings Scheme, 1987.

Simplification of procedure for Insurance Claims in respect of Milch Cattle

1000. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the procedure for settling insurance claims in respect of milch cattle is tardy and cumbersome;

(b) what are the procedural requirements that the villager have to undergo before claims are settled by the banks;

(c) whether Government are considering to simplify the procedure in view of unprecedented drought and flood situation in the country resulting in the death of a large number of milch cattle; and

(what are the details of ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) to (d) The procedural requirements for settlement of cattle claims, by the insurance companies, have been simplified to a large extent and are as under :—

(1) The insured has to intimate the claim either to the Bank or the DRDA or the Insurance Company.

(2) He has to furnish the identification ear-tag of the dead animal and also a death certificate from a qualified Veterinarian and in the case of IRDP financed cattle, a joint certificate from any two of the following :—

(i) Village Sarpanch.

(ii) President or officer of a Village Cooperative Society.

(iii) Official of a Milk Collection Centre.

(iv) Officer of a Village Level Bank other than the lending bank.

(v) DRDA or its authorised nominee.

Many requirements like furnishing of the Certificate of Post-mortem in the case of IRDP financed cattle, preserving of carcass upto at least 24 hrs. after intimation of death of the cattle, etc. have been dispensed with. When the identification ear-tag is lost, the claim is considered on the basis of other evidence like recorded natural identification marks.

Applications received for Ensuring Loan Mela in Tripura

1001. SHRI M. A. BABY :

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN .

Will the Minister of FINANCE be *pleased to state :*

(a) how many applications have been received by banks for the ensuing loan mela in Tripura;

(b) how these applications are going to be sorted out and selected for loan; and

(c) whether a committee or an individ- i is going to select applications for n and whether the State Government will have its representation on the Committee ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) The present data reporting system does not provide separate information regarding number of applications received by banks for ensuing loan mela in Tripura, since no central monitoring of credit camps is being done.

(b) and (c) The banks have to follow the guidelines/procedures laid down from time to time by the Reserve Bank of India for appraisal, sanction and post sanction supervision of loans irrespective of the fact whether such loans are given in a credit camp or otherwise.

Alleged FERA Violation by Shri Ajitabh Bachchan

1002. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are holding an inquiry into the